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U.S. Patent Documents

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Patentee</u>
US - 6,337,122	01-08-2002	Gregg et al.

Foreign Patent Documents

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WO 97/17664	05-15-1997	Sanders et al.

Other Documents

International Search Report dated 12 May 2004 (6 pages)

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